

REMARKS

Applicant hereby submits that new claim 21 describes the invention in manner not taught or rendered obvious by the prior art cited in parent application serial no.

09/378,631 – particularly U.S. Patent 5,941,626 to Yamuro.

The prior art fails to teach an LED light string designed by calculating an equivalent AC voltage rating for a particular LED. Heretofore, LEDs have only been rated for direct current DC applications. The rating conversion is a novel step in the method of new claim 21.

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination on the merits. Should the examiners believe additional discussion would expedite the instant patent application, they are invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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